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SUBJ: APPROACH TO POTENTIAL DONORS ON ZIMBABWE DEVELOPMENT FUND

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1. AMBASSADOR, ACCOMPANIED BY ECON OFFICER, CALLED ON MFA SECRETARY GENERAL PIERRE WURTH DECEMBER 22 TO MAKE PRESENTATION ON ZIMBABWE DEVELOPMENT FUND, FOR ZIMBABWE GOVERNMENT.

A) LETTER SIGNED BY THE SECRETARY AND FONMIN CROSLAND PLUS ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTATION WERE DELIVERED. LUXEMBOURG COPIES HAD NOT BEEN RECEIVED BECAUSE OF POUCH DELAY, THUS DOCUMENTATION USED WAS FROM BRITISH EMBASSY HERE.

B) ALL PHASES OF PROPOSAL WERE PRESENTED AS HAD BEEN REQUESTED.

2. WURTH RECEIVED PROPOSAL WITH POSITIVE INTEREST AND WAS FAMILIAR WITH BASIC US-UK COORDINATED EFFORTS FOR A SOLUTION TO THE RHODESIAN PROBLEM. HE COMMENTED THAT HE BELIEVED MATTER WAS DISCUSSED AT RECENT NATO MINISTERIAL. WURTH PRESUMED THAT FUND WOULD BE SECRET

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FULLY REVIEWED WITH THE EC AND THE UK WOULD LEAD THE DISCUSSION. THE FIRST STEPS FOR GOL, OF COURSE, WOULD BE INTERNAL MFA STUDY OF THE PACKAGE AND DISCUSSIONS WITH FONMIN THORN.

3. WURTH WAS PLEASED AT THE CONSTRUCTIVE FOCUS OF

THE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM, NOTING THAT HAD THE FUND BEEN A REPARTIATION OR COMPENSATION SCHEME FOR WHITE SETTLERS GOL AND EC WOULD HAVE NO INTEREST IN IT AT ALL AND VIEW THE MATTER AS AN EXCLUSIVELY UK PROBLEM.

- 4. AMBASSADOR EMPHASIZED THAT COMMENTS ON THE FUND AND PROGRAM WERE WELCOME AND INVITED GOL VIEWS. WURTH PROMISED TO KEEP US INFORMED OF MINISTRY AND THORN REVIEW OF PROBLEM.
- 5. BRITISH AMBASSADOR WAS INFORMED OF OUR CONVERSATION WITH WURTH.
- 6. IN ANTICIPATION OF FURTHER QUESTION, EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE DETAILS AS AVAILABLE ON FUND, E.G., ADMINISTRATION, CRITERIA FOR PROGRAM OR PROJECT APPROVAL AND EVALUATION AND INTERNATIONAL FINANCIAL AND TECHNICAL PARTICIPATION. GINN

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